

Subj: **Re: Questions about NE shilling and NE sixpence**
Date: 11/7/2009 7:46:28 P.M. Central Standard Time
From: [EricNumis](#)
To: [REDACTED]

Dear Jack:

Thank you for inquiring about my health. I am working on several articles and trying to help other people write theirs. I am lucky to be alive.

The determination of whether a New England XII pence is genuine or not is a very difficult one as you well know. I would have no recollection of commenting whether such a piece was genuine or not without knowing when and by whom it was submitted. Please send whatever more you know about the one in the auction you mention.

As to our NE six pence I believe that came from the Newcomer - Green collection but will try to look it up.

Exactly when are you planning to come to St. Louis? Perhaps you can postpone that until after the end of the year as I would have to try to dig into my files for the information you are asking for.

My best to you. Eric

In a message dated 11/6/2009 6:19:06 P.M. Central Standard Time, jackhowes@yahoo.com writes:

Eric,

I hope you are feeling well.

I have a couple questions, one concerning an NE shilling that was in a B&M auction in 2004 and a second question about the NE sixpence in your collection.

I am finishing an article for CNL on these types and would like to track down a couple loose ends.

First the NE shilling, I have attached a lot description from the 2004 B&M Baltimore auction. This lot was withdrawn for reasons that I have yet to determine. In the lot description, you are quoted as having verified the genuineness of this specimen. I have attached an image from the page in the article I am working on where this specimen is discussed. The obverse looks right to me but the reverse looks wrong. Please examine my attached images. Look at the right leg of the X on the reverse [red arrow] and compare to any other A reverse. Something appears to be wrong with the leg of the X. It

appears to me to be way too spread out.

So, my questions to you about this item are: do you remember authenticating it? If so, do you have any other information about it? e.g., another image?

Do you see why I am questioning this example? Do you concur with my finding?

Now, on another topic. I believe you have a genuine NE sixpence in your collection. Was this acquired from the Mehl Olsen auction in 1944? Do you have an image you could send me of it? If not, would it be possible to stop in sometime next month and photograph it? I live in Detroit but my brother lives in St. Louis and I am now retired, so I have more time to do things like this.

Best regards,

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Subj: **NE silver coinage**
 Date: 11/14/2009 2:49:30 P.M. Central Standard Time
 From: [EricNumis](#)
 To: [REDACTED]

Dear Jack:

I have been mining in my files to give you additional information on the Massachusetts NE coinage. I have just mounds of correspondence, notations, images and literature to wade through. As to my NE 6d I checked my two different Mehl lists of Newcomer coins he was selling and find only one entry for a NE 6d. It reads " 1650 6 pence. NE reverse VI: Of the most extreme rarity. Genuineness guaranteed by E. S. Sears. Very fine. \$1,250.00 " I assume that the "1650" is a typo. It certainly should not be the well known forgery of that date. I must assume that the actual piece is our coin as I do not remember obtaining ours elsewhere. Unfortunately my envelopes as to pedigree (made by B.G.Johnson with red typewriter ribbon) were stolen in a home burglary about 50 years ago but the coin was in a bank vault mounted in a small homemade glass display case where it still resides.

My 12 pence NE is mounted in the same small display case. There were four NE XII listed in our Newcomer list. Ours is probably the nicest one (very fine) which is described as Crosby Plate 1, No 3. @ \$150.00. Do you have any prior provenance of either of the foregoing we have? Do you want me to give you any further details on them?

As to our other XII NE mentioned to you in my prior message. I made an enlarged image of each side and will mail them to you. As I said my information is that it was acquired by someone on November 14, 1958.

I will be grateful as to any background information you have on it.

I have found a file which has a group of NE XII images sent to me by the ANACS. I presume they were sent to me for my opinion long ago. I presume you have those images in your extensive file. Otherwise just let me know and I will send you copies.

I look forward to hearing from you and am glad to try to be helpful.

Eric

Sent 11/16/09

Large Copy of both sides of 12d NE given to us
 Mention of Newbury 12d NE (one sheet) ^{small}

Large copy of obv & rev of two different
 12d NE sent to us by ANACS (which
 returned the agreed)

No letter written -
 explained by telephone &
 him 11/14/09

Subj: **Re: Massachusetts NE coinage**
Date: 11/8/2009 10:04:24 P.M. Central Standard Time
From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Eric,

I would be very interested in seeing this picture and the data related to the specimen you mention.

I have images of 66 different NE shillings and extensive provenance data on most of them. If it matches one of these, I maybe able to provide you with further provenance for the coin.

--- On Sun, 11/8/09, [REDACTED] wrote:

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Massachusetts NE coinage
To: [REDACTED]
Date: Sunday, November 8, 2009, 10:01 PM

Dear Jack:

I need your mailing address because I want to send you pictures of our second example of the NE 12 pence. We were told that it was acquired on November 14, 1958 but we obtained it much later. Can you figure out what auction it might have been in or whatever the source might be. We will also be able to send you the weight, specific gravity and silver content which we had measured by the earth science department of Washington University here.

As to our NE 6 pence I will see if it came from Newcomer via Green Estate or from another source via the Green Estate.

As you know you are to be commended for working in one of the most difficult areas in numismatic authenticity.

I will appreciate your further cooperation.

Eric.

Subj: **Re: NE silver coinage**
Date: 11/14/2009 4:02:59 P.M. Central Standard Time
From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Eric,

Good to talk with you today. No I have not seen the ANACS photos [did not know they even had a photo archive but I should have guessed they did as I know they used to certify coins before they started slabbing them]. If you could send those, I would appreciate it and return them after studying them.

I will work with you on a date after the first of the year to come out and visit to see the NE XII and VI.

I am attaching a draft of the article I am working (actually submitted to CNL for publication) just for you to look over. Not looking for a review but any comments you have would be interesting.

The draft is a .pdf file that I had to make relatively low resolution so, I can email it.

Best regards,

Jack

--- On **Sat, 11/14/09**, [REDACTED] wrote:

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: NE silver coinage
To: [REDACTED]
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2009, 3:49 PM

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